

Arlington Town Meeting 2022 - Motion to Amend Article 8, Civilian Police Advisory Commission

Date: April 18, 2022

We, Christian Klein and Sanjay Vakil, move to amend the recommended vote of the Arlington Select Board under Article 8 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting by making the following changes to section 3.B.2 to return this section to the original language recommended by the Civilian Police Advisory Board Study Committee:

- Amend subsection b to replace the words “Actively employed” with “Current or former” and adding an “and” to the end of the subsection.
- Remove the existing subsection c.
- Change the letter designation of subsection d to c.

So that section 3.B.2 reads as follows (additions are underlined and removals are in strikeout):

2. The following persons are not eligible to serve on the Commission:
 - a. Current compensated employees of the Town, including Arlington Police Department police officers and employees;
 - b. Current or former~~Actively employed~~ municipal police officers (defined herein as “peace officers” employed by a municipal police department subject to certification under Massachusetts Law, including “An Act Relative to Justice, Equity and Accountability in Law Enforcement);” and
~~c. Former Arlington Police Department law enforcement officers; and~~
~~d.c.~~ Immediate family members of current or former Arlington Police Department employees.

Respectfully submitted,

Christian Klein, Precinct 10

Sanjay Vakil, Precinct 12

Rationale:

This change restores the eligibility requirements to match the original recommendation of the Civilian Police Advisory Board Study Committee. Under the Study Committee’s recommendations, reached after nearly a year of meetings, “current or former law enforcement officers whether in Arlington or elsewhere” were not eligible for appointment to the commission. This language was changed by the Select Board at their warrant article meeting to allow for the inclusion of retired police officers who had served in other jurisdictions. We are forwarding this amendment to allow Town Meeting the opportunity to vote on the original language as proposed by the Civilian Police Advisory Board Study Committee.